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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at **73, Basinghall Street,** London, E.C. — registered telegraphic address, "**Advantage, London,**" telephone number **12807 Central.** A statement of the objects and work of the Branch will be found on p. 650.

The attention of British traders is directed to the Sample Room, where the following are on view, among other exhibits:—

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The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—India, Dominion of Canada, Queensland, Cape of Good Hope, Transvaal and Orange River Colony. Statements of the objects and work of these Enquiry Offices will be found on p. 651.

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

BRITISH INDIA.

Copper Ingots; Plate Girder Bridges.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of—

1. Copper ingots,
2. Plate girder bridges,

as per specification to be seen at the Company's

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BRITISH INDIA—*continued.*

offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C. Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, not later than noon, marked "Tender for Copper Ingots," or as the case may be, for No. 1 on Wednesday, the 4th July, and for No. 2 on Wednesday, the 11th July. The company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

Railway Supplies.

The Madras Railway Company are prepared to receive until noon on Monday, the 9th July, tenders for the supply and delivery, free on board, of white metal, copper, tool steel, twist drills, screw stocks and screw taps, tube expanders, circular saws, steel pins and cotters, bolts and nuts, carriage door locks, window catches, hinges, commode shoots, hammock springs, engine lamps, sieves, lubricators, grinding wheels, grindstones, eagle packing, horsehair, buffalo hides, belting, rubber hose, floorcloth, brushes, plate glass, fire engine tubes and transfers, as per specifications to be seen at the Company's offices, 1, Broad Street Place, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C. Tenders are to be delivered in sealed envelopes (supplied by the Company). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. A charge (which cannot be refunded) will be made for each copy of the specification.

Welsh Steam Coal.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company are prepared to receive, up to noon on Tuesday, the 10th July, tenders for the supply in Bombay of 7,000 tons best South Wales steam coal of one of the following varieties, viz. :—

Ferndale, Albion, Insole's Cymmer, or Nixon's Navigation, Powell Duffryn, National Merthyr.

The coal is to be in all cases of the best quality mined, to be shipped under inspection on behalf of this Company, and to be delivered in Bombay by the 7th October next.

Tenders must be made on forms, to be obtained at the offices of the Company, Gloucester House, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., and must quote prices in Indian currency per ton delivered. Payment will be made only in Bombay, and for the quantity delivered there, and, if not all shipped in one vessel, as follows, viz., 90 per cent. on each cargo on completion of discharge, and the remaining 10 per cent. on due completion of the Contract.

Other conditions being equal, preference will be given to tenders naming average discharge at Bombay at a rate not exceeding 500 tons per lawful working day.

The Directors reserve the right of dividing the Contract between any two or more tendering firms, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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BRITISH INDIA—*continued.*

Brass Boiler Tubes and Steel Tyres.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Mahratta Railway Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for (1) 700 brass boiler tubes and (2) 1,000 steel tyres, as per specifications and drawings, which may be seen at the offices of the Company, 46, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. The charge for specification No. 1 is half-a-guinea and for No. 2, one guinea, which will not be returned. Tenders must be sent in addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Boiler Tubes," or as the case may be, not later than noon on Tuesday, the 17th July, 1906. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

CANADA.

Enquiries relating to Canadian Trade.

The following were among the recent enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the **Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—Enquiry has been made by a Scottish firm for names and addresses of Canadian manufacturers and exporters of carbide of calcium.

A North of England manufacturer of interior fittings—wood mantelpieces, overmantels, hall screens, ingle nooks, &c., has asked to be placed in communication with Canadian exporters of wood sheets made of thin veneers glued in many thicknesses.

A Scottish firm of distillers, blenders, and exporters of whisky are considering the question of appointing an agent in Canada, and have requested to be referred to likely persons.

A London firm in the grocery trade dealing in dried, bottled, and preserved fruits, have asked to be referred to Canadian shippers.

Canadian Enquiry.—An engineer with experience in the erection and sale of engineering specialities—accumulators, lamps, &c.—is proceeding to Canada shortly, and seeks to represent English firms there; he is also willing to introduce patented specialities.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following trade enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

Home Enquiries.—A company manufacturing skivers and roans; fancy leathers for bookbinders, bag and purse manufacturers; and compressed leather as used by boot manufacturers, ask to be placed in correspondence with reliable Canadian importers.

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A manufacturer of ginger ale and other aërated waters is prepared to appoint a suitable Canadian resident agent.

Canadian Enquiries.—A Canadian company manufacturing rolled oats and standard oatmeal wish to hear from United Kingdom buyers of these products.

A manufacturers' agent in Montreal about to visit the United Kingdom is prepared to undertake agencies in dye stuffs, pharmaceutical products, and veterinary supplies.

A company shipping pure maple sugar and syrup wish to get into communication with United Kingdom importers.

A Canadian company shipping all kinds of manufactured hardwood lumber, also maple flooring and hardwood dimension stocks, invite correspondence from United Kingdom buyers.

A Canadian company in touch with the cycle trade could do business with a low-priced mud-guard suitable for Canadian requirements.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

Specifications, &c., for Post Office Contracts.

The "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" contains an announcement to the effect that manufacturers, agents, and others who so desire may, upon making application to the Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, 51, Spring Street, Melbourne, have their names recorded for the purpose of receiving direct from the Deputy Postmasters-General of the various States of Australia, without further application, any specification or form of tender for supplies which the Department may issue, in any of the following sections:—

Wire, cables, or such-like material;
Poles, iron, fittings, and ironware generally;
Insulators and glassware;
Telegraph instruments and sundries;
Telephone instruments and sundries;
Electric lighting material—General;
Departmental Stores—General;
" " Stationery.

This arrangement is to be regarded as supplementary to, and not in place of, the present practice of the Postmaster-General's Department with regard to inviting tenders for supplies required; and the Department undertakes no responsibility for errors or omissions in connection with the forwarding of specifications, &c.

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—*continued.*

Sulphate of Copper.

The "Commonwealth Gazette" also announces that tenders, endorsed "Tender for sulphate of copper" will be received at the office of the Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, 51, Spring Street, Melbourne, up to noon on the 13th August, 1906, for the supply of the undermentioned approximate quantities of sulphate of copper for the use of the Postmaster-General's Department in the several States of the Commonwealth, as follows:—

(*a*) During the period ending 30th June, 1907, viz.:—New South Wales, 50 tons; Victoria, 21 tons; Queensland, 25 tons; South Australia, 18 tons; Western Australia, 20 tons; and Tasmania, 5 tons, approximately in each case.

(*b*) During the period ending 31st December, 1907:—New South Wales, 70 tons; Victoria, 26 tons; Queensland, 38 tons; South Australia, 28 tons; Western Australia, 30 tons; and Tasmania, 8 tons, approximately in each case.

The sulphate of copper must consist of clean crystals free from dust. The crystals must pass through a $\frac{3}{4}$-inch mesh, but not through a $\frac{1}{4}$-inch mesh, must contain 25 per cent. of metallic copper, and be free from iron, zinc, or other impurities. In testing a maximum of ·55 of 1 per centum sulphate of iron will be allowed for. They must be packed in strong kegs or in strong cases, which kegs and cases must be sound and new, and free from stains when shipped by the contractors, and which will contain 56 lbs. or 112 lbs. as required. Second-hand or repaired cases or casks will not be accepted.

Tenderers are required to quote in their tenders alternative prices for delivery of the material in such quantities as may be required by the Postmaster-General's Department from time to time, during the contract period, namely:—

(1) C.I.F. at such port or ports in the Commonwealth as may be required by the Department—delivery to be taken by the department in ship's slings or in railway trucks; and

(2) At the store branches of the Postmaster-General's department in the capitals of the several States, as may be required by the Department.

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of 5 per cent. of the amount thereof up to 1,000*l.*, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the amount in excess of 1,000*l.* Deposits on tenders may be lodged with the Deputy Postmaster-General in any of the States, but a receipt for the amount must be obtained, and forwarded with the tender. Tenderers must state the name of the country or State in which the material is or will be produced. The Postmaster-General does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender. Tender forms may be obtained at the offices of the Deputy Postmaster-General of the several States. Tenders must be addressed to the Secretary, Postmaster-General's department, 51, Spring Street, Melbourne, and if sent by post they must be prepaid and registered.

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EGYPT.

Crossing Sleepers. The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have received from the Egyptian State Railways Administration a notification inviting tenders for the supply of 2,000 6-metre crossing sleepers in accordance with the specification and general conditions, copy of which may be seen at the Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Tenders, accompanied by a stamped paper of 30 millièmes and addressed "Monsieur le Directeur Général des Chemins de fer de L'Etat, Cairo," will be received in Cairo up to 15th July. Copies of the specification and form of tender may be obtained from Lieut.-Colonel Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W., on payment of 2*s*. each copy.

Files. The Egyptian War Department invite tenders for 336 dozen files. Tender forms may be obtained from Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Westminster, London, S.W., and are returnable to him by the 3rd August. Tenders must hold good for 25 days from that date.

Railway Supplies. The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 18th June, publishes the following announcements:—

The Sudan Government Railways require quotations for:—

1. Corrugated galvanised iron sheets, per ton, 20 gauge, in sheets, six, ten, eleven and twelve feet lengths with necessary screws and washers.
2. Hall's sanitary distemper, per cwt., cards having colours stocked in Egypt to be enclosed.
3. Keen's cement, per ton.
4. Plaster of Paris, per ton.
5. Red oxide paint ground in oil, per ton.

Address Agent, Sudan Government Railways, 4, Cleopatra Street, Alexandria.

Also for the following:—

1. Rim locks.
2. Casement stays, brass or iron.
3. "Cock spurs," in brass or Japanned iron.
4. Thumb latches, in brass and iron.
5. Bolts for French windows.
6. Tower bolts.
7. Butt hinges.
8. Japanned iron "T" Hinges.
9. Japanned iron or stamped steel brackets for shelves.

Address Agent, Sudan Government Railways, as above.

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RUSSIA.

Railway Bridge over the Neva.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Embassy at St. Petersburg reporting a recent announcement in the "Novo Vremya" to the effect that a plan is now being worked out for uniting the Finnish railways with the main Russian railway system. It is noted that the scheme involves the building of a railway bridge over the river Neva.

Flour Mill Machinery.

H.M. Consul-General at Odessa (Mr. C. S. Smith) reports that a large flour mill at Eupatoria has been destroyed by fire.

NORWAY.

Axles and Tyres.

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. A. S. MacGregor) reports that tenders are invited by the Norwegian State Railways for the supply of:—

288 axles with wheels.
290 tyres.
20 axles.

Tenders, in sealed envelopes, marked "Hjul," and addressed "Statsbanernes Styrelsens Expeditionskontor, Christiania," will be received up to 3 p.m. on Friday, the 13th July.

H.M. Consul has forwarded copies of the general and special conditions of tender and of the working drawings, which may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

NOTE.—Apart from the usual Customs duties, a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers.

In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

NETHERLANDS.

Metal Bridge-work.

H.M. Consul at Rotterdam (Mr. H. Turing) reports that tenders will be received up to the 5th July by the Netherlands Colonial Office at the Hague for the supply and delivery of the metal superstructures, with appurtenances, for two bridges. Particulars of the contract may be obtained from Mr. M. Nijhoff, the Hague, at a cost of fl. 4 (6*s.* 8*d.*).

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GERMANY.

Gas Coal.

H.M. Consul at Stettin (Mr. R. Bernal) has forwarded copy of a notice inviting tenders for the supply of 1,700 to 1,800 tons of English gas coal, free on rail at Köslin. The coals are to be shipped in steamers in whole cargoes *viâ* Kolbergermünde, and must be delivered by November next. Sealed tenders, giving description of coal, and marked on envelope "Angebot auf Gaskohlen," should be addressed to "Der Magistrat, Köslin in Pommern," where they will be received up to the 1st July.

Mr. Bernal also reports that tenders are invited for the supply of about 2,880 tons of English gas coal for the Gas Works at Greifswald. Sealed tenders marked "Kohlenlieferung" must be delivered to "Städt Gas-Elektrizitäts and Wasserwerke, Greifswald in Pommern," not later than the 5th July. Forms of contract may be obtained at the same address on payment of 50 pfennigs (6*d.*).

BELGIUM.

Lock Gates.

The Acting British Consul-General at Antwerp (Mr. W. Lydcotte) has forwarded particulars of a notice issued by the Municipal Authorities of that city, inviting tenders for the supply and placing of new gates to the entrance lock giving access to the old docks at Antwerp.

The specification ("Cahier des Charges," No. 1,149), relating to the contract may be obtained from the Hotel de Ville, Antwerp, at the cost of 1 franc.

All tenders should be sent in sealed registered envelopes, addressed "A Monsieur le Bourgmestre en l'Hotel-de-Ville d'Anvers," and should reach the Hotel de Ville not later than the 9th July. The estimated cost of the work is 1,560*l.*, and a deposit of 80*l.* is required to qualify any tender.

A copy of the specification may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Tug Boat.

Referring to the announcement published on p. 53 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 12th April last, a communication has been received from the Acting British Consul-General at Antwerp to the effect that no adjudication having been made under the former notice the Municipal authorities of that city have again called for tenders for the supply of a tug boat for service in the docks.

Tenders should be sent in sealed registered envelopes addressed to "Monsieur le Bourgmestre, Hotel de Ville, Antwerp," and should arrive there not later than the 7th August next.

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The specification ("Cahier des Charges, No. 1,132") relating to the contract may be obtained, price 1 fr., at the Hotel de Ville, Antwerp. A copy may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Railway Construction.

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels), contains a notice issued by the "Société nationale des chemins de fer vicinaux" to the effect that tenders will be opened at the offices of the "Société" at 14 Rue de la Science, Brussels, on the 4th July, for the construction of the Ohey to Lovegnée section of the local railway from Courrière to Ben-Ahin. The estimated cost of the work is 247,622 fr. (9,905*l.*), and a deposit of 24,500 fr. (980*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders by registered letter will be received at the address mentioned above not later than the 3rd July. A copy of the specifications may be obtained on payment of 1 fr. from M. Rigot, rue Lucien Namèche, No. 39, Namur.

PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

Railway Plant.

H.M. Consular Agent at Quilimane (Mr. A. Frei) reports that the construction of a railway to British Central Africa is stated on good authority to have been approved by the Portuguese Government, and that construction will probably be commenced within the next year. Such a railway would, says Mr. Frei, entirely alter the present financial outlook, lend an impetus to local trade and open up the vast hinterland beyond, which is rich in minerals and agricultural produce and only awaits the advent of a railway to develop rich natural resources. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,634.)

SPAIN.

Oak and Other Fine Timber.

A communication has been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, from H.M. Consul at Bilbao (Mr. C. G. Wood) stating that the manager of an important tram and railway car and wagon manufactory at Beasain, near San Sebastian, desires to be put into communication with the principal firms in the United Kingdom, exporting the best American or Hungarian oak and other fine timber.

Enquiries from British firms should be addressed to H.M. Consul, Bilbao.

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SPAIN—*continued.*

Fertilisers.

The British Vice-Consul at Valencia (Mr. A. F. Ivens) reports that fertilisers, consisting chiefly of sulphate of ammonia and super-phosphates of lime for the manufacture in Spain of artificial manures, continue to be imported into Valencia from the United Kingdom, Belgium and other foreign countries on an increasing scale. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,631.)

Railway Material.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 22nd June contains a notice to the effect that a concession has been granted provisionally to D. Baldomero Rato, representing the towns of Ribadesella, Caravia, Colunga, Villaviciosa, and Gijon, for the construction of a railway from Ribadesella to Gijon.

ITALY.

Distilling Plant.

The "Bulletin" of the French Chamber of Commerce at Milan reports that a distillery is projected at Arezzo, with a productive capacity of 5,000 quintals of wine residue. A modern steam installation is proposed. See also p. 640 of this issue.

The following particulars of water power concessions are extracted from the same "Bulletin":—

Hydro-Electric Plant.

The Prefecture of Coni has granted to M. Louis della Beffa, Milan, a concession for deriving power from the river Varaita in the district of Sampeyre and Frassino, to be used in electric lighting, tramway traction and mineralogical works. The estimated cost of the works in connection is 68,320*l.* The "Société des Forces Hydrauliques du haut Po" have also obtained rights on this river for electric lighting and industrial purposes in the neighbourhood of Saluzzo and Pinerolo. Estimated cost, not including machinery, 20,000*l.*

M. Leonard Albonico has obtained permission from the prefecture of Sondrio to obtain water power from the torrent Mailero, in the district of Chiese, for the production of electric power for lighting purposes.

M. Ange Pepron has obtained from the prefecture of Florence, permission to tap the Bisenzio, near Mercatale, district of Vernio, for use at his factory "Molino Nuovo," situated at that place.

The firm of Jean Grossani of Tolmezzo have obtained from the prefecture of Udine rights of a similar nature in the district of Arta, and M. Joseph Peghini has been granted by the prefecture of Massa Carrara, a thirty years' concession for water power from the Carrione.

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ITALY—*continued.*

M. Joseph Foâ, acting for the "Société Italienne pour l'industrie des tissus imprimés," has obtained from the prefecture of Novarro, concessions for the derivation of water power from the torrent Strona di Omegna.

The firm of Jean Menzione have obtained permission from the prefecture of Massa Carrara to derive water power from the Renara canal.

A conference, headed by the Mayor of Senigallia, has recommended the formation of a syndicate with a view to undertaking barrage works at Sentino and Frassasi, for the production of electric power.

Electric Lighting and Power Plant.

The "Bulletin" reports that the Communal Council of Schio have granted to the brothers Mauri de Casamicciola the contract for ten years for electric lighting and the distribution of electric power throughout the Commune.

The following electric traction and tramway schemes are also notified in the "Bulletin:—

Electric Tramway Plant.

The State Railways Administration are considering alternative proposals for the electrification of the Giovi railway.

A conference held at Palestrina with reference to the proposed Rome-Palestrina-Frosinone electric tramway has given its support to the scheme, which it is hoped will be carried out soon.

A local committee has been formed with a view to the construction of an electric tramway between Pescia, Fucecchio, Valdarno and Ponte Buggianese.

PERU.

The following particulars of possible openings for British trade in Peru are extracted from the recent report of H.M. Consul-General at Callao (Mr. A. St. John, C.M.G.):—

Steamships and Floating Dock.

"The Government are endeavouring to promote the formation of a Peruvian steamship and floating dock company, and Congress has authorised the grant of a subsidy of 30,000*l.* a year to this company, the payment of which is to be guaranteed by the proceeds of the tax on matches. The present intention is to build vessels of moderate speed for the coast traffic, and two vessels of high speed for a service between Peru and the Isthmus of Panama. The lifting power of the floating dock is to be 7,000 tons.

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PERU—*continued.*

Sugar Machinery.

"Most of the sugar machinery in use in the country is obsolete, and requires to be renewed.

Railway Materials.

"A steady demand for railway material is likely to exist for years to come, inasmuch as the Government propose to construct lines in several directions.

Telegraph and Telephone Wire.

"The postal authorities are constantly extending their telegraph lines. Telephone lines are also extended, and new systems will probably be established in several districts; therefore there will always be a small but steady demand for wire of this kind.

River Craft.

"River navigation in the immense Amazonian river basin belonging to Peru will certainly be developed ere long. British-built vessels employed on those rivers are those which have given most satisfaction. Fresh orders may therefore be expected, and should even be invited.

Mining Tools.

"The development of the mining industry should not be lost sight of, as large quantities of tools and appliances are required. At present they come chiefly from the United States. At one time the hardware trade was almost entirely in British hands. It has been gradually dislodged.

Electrical Appliances.

"In previous reports attention has been drawn to the growing importance of the trade in electrical appliances. So far all orders have been placed in the United States and Germany.

Hats.

"The hat trade is of some importance, the imports amount to 30,000*l.* a year, and come chiefly from Italy.

Military and Naval Stores.

"The reorganisation of the Peruvian army by a French mission and the creation of the nucleus of a navy by the acquisition of fast cruisers of the most modern type from the United Kingdom are matters which should engage the attention of manufacturers of, or dealers in, naval and military stores, as the requirements for the army and navy must henceforth increase steadily.

Australian Horses.

"Horses for cavalry and other purposes are imported from Chile, but remounts for the Peruvian army might be obtained from Australia whenever steam navigation between the Australian continent and the West Coast of South America shall have been established. In fact, there is a great scarcity of horse flesh throughout Peru, and

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PERU—*continued.*

it would be highly desirable that a strong breed should be introduced. It is true that Australian horses are dear, but for army purposes especially they can scarcely be equalled. . . .

Australian Frozen Meat and Cattle.

"Reference has been made on several occasions to the frozen meat trade. Frozen meat might be brought from Australia for delivery all along the South Pacific coast. The supply of meat in Peru is bad, deficient, and dear, and the Republics to the north are no better off in that respect. In order to encourage the importation of cattle on the hoof the import duty has recently been taken off.

Iron Bungalows.

"There may be, sooner or later, an opening for iron bungalows and other buildings of various descriptions which could be imported in parts ready to be put together. Building in the chief Peruvian coast towns is expensive, and the materials mostly used, viz., sun-dried bricks and canes, are objectionable now that the bubonic plague has invaded the coast and it is important to make buildings rat proof. If such buildings proved suitable to the climate there might be an opening for their sale on a large scale.

Cotton Gins.

"The cotton gins in use are mostly of American manufacture. A certain number can always be sold.

Canadian Timber.

"There is a large trade in timber. The imports amount now to 200,000*l.* a year, which come chiefly from the United States. This is a subject which might engage the attention of timber merchants in British Columbia and Canada." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series,* 3,635).

BRAZIL.

Agricultural Implements and Machinery.

H.M. Consular Agent at Corumbá (Mr. C. C. Cooper) reports that although the agricultural industry of the State of Matto Grosso is destined to become one of the principal sources of revenue on account of the fertility of the soil, varied climate and favourable position, agriculture is as yet in its most elementary state, owing chiefly to lack of labour and a general want of enterprise on the part of landowners. [See also p. 621 as to present difficulties of transit.]

Manufacturers of agricultural implements and machinery should, however, keep this market before them as an important consumer of their products in the near future.

River Steamers. See notice on p. 633.

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URUGUAY.

Railway Material.

H.M. Minister at Monte Video (Mr. W. Baring) reports that it has been authoritatively announced that the Uruguay Great Eastern Railway will be prolonged from its present terminus—La Sierra—to San Carlos in the Department of Maldonado, a distance of about 30 miles. In the south-eastern part of Uruguay the country is rugged and broken, and the construction of the line will be expensive, costing 7,000*l.* per kilometre.

EXHIBITION.

ITALY.

Milan Exhibition: Formation of Court of Arbitration for Commercial Cases.

With reference to the notice on p. 306 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th February last, and to previous notices, H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) reports the formation of an Italian Court of Arbitration for commercial cases which it is hoped will be ready to commence its duties by the 1st July. A copy of the rules of this Court may be seen on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

The following summary table has been prepared in the Board of Trade, showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to March, 1906, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, viz., the three months ended March. The corresponding figures for 1905 and 1904 are added for comparison :—

—	Imports (*see* NOTE that follows tables). Three Months ended March.			Exports (Domestic) (*see* NOTE that follows tables). Three Months ended March.		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Belgium*	26,832,000	28,739,000	32,440,000	19,031,000	20,742,000	23,550,000
France...	48,649,000	48,019,000	52,642,000	43,150,000	42,442,000	47,112,000
Spain*...	7,996,000	9,023,000	9,634,000	8,062,000	7,666,000	8,814,000
Italy	19,276,000	19,084,000	22,182,000	13,891,000	15,132,000	17,340,000
Egypt	4,398,000	4,965,000	5,399,000	7,455,000	5,647,000	7,636,000
United States... ...	54,783,000	64,970,000	67,581,000	77,956,000	75,126,000	94,066,000
Japan	9,472,000	13,322,000	11,117,000	7,133,000	7,280,000	8,771,000
British India... ...	15,689,000	16,479,000	18,633,000	30,016,000	27,819,000	30,603,000
Canada	11,098,000	11,557,000	14,061,000	6,594,000	6,500,000	8,883,000
United Kingdom ...	119,836,000	119,032,000	131,534,000	72,230,000	78,330,000	91,197,000

* Value of *principal* articles only.

Trade of Foreign Countries and British Possessions.

A comparison of the total figures for four months ended 30th April is possible for four countries, as follows, viz.:—

—	Imports (*see* NOTE). Four Months ended April.			Exports (Domestic) (*see* NOTE). Four Months ended April.		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Belgium*	35,399,000	38,080,000	42,769,000	25,556,000	27,227,000	31,238,000
France...	64,666,000	66,266,000	72,656,000	57,739,000	60,308,000	64,171,000
United States ...	72,184,000	84,785,000	89,941,000	100,346,000	101,243,000	123,662,000
United Kingdom ...	158,253,000	155,966,000	171,231,000	95,715,000	102,468,000	118,229,000

* Value of *principal* articles only.

NOTE.—In the case of Belgium, France, Italy, Egypt, Japan, Canada, *and United Kingdom*, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption only, *i.e.*, excluding re-exports. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of "nationalised" goods, *i.e.*, goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade, are as follow:—

—	Imports.			Exports (Domestic).		
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Germany (12 months)	300,134,000	318,206,000	336,500,000	250,732,000	261,132,000	279,272,000
Switzerland (12 mos.)	46,349,000	48,236,000	52,759,000	35,189,000	35,253,000	38,315,000
Portugal (11 months)	12,212,000	12,777,000	12,649,000	6,332,000	6,389,000	5,982,000
Mexico* (12 months)	15,996,000	17,390,000	17,564,000	18,693,000	19,125,000	24,830,000
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Russia† (2 months)...	11,719,000	7,297,000	10,727,000	12,485,000	12,400,000	13,928,000
Austria-Hungary (2 months)	13,947,000	14,488,000	21,327,000	13,056,000	11,528,000	16,657,000

* The values of both imports and exports are stated in Mexican dollars, and the dollar has been converted into English currency from July, 1905, at 2*s.* 0½*d.* per dollar, which is approximately the same as the official par (under the new currency legislation of Mexico, *see* "Board of Trade Journal," of 5th January, 1905, pp. 38-39) of 9·76 dollars per £, while prior to July, 1905, they have been calculated at 1*s.* 8*d.*, 1*s.* 10*d.* and 2*s.* for the years ended 30th June, 1903, 1904, and 1905 respectively. The figures include bullion and specie.

† European and Black Sea Frontiers.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the "Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions, including figures received up to 31st May," to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

Bulgaria.—The British Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin), in his report on the trade of Bulgaria for 1905, again draws attention to the energetic measures adopted by the foreign competitors of British traders to secure the Bulgarian market for themselves, and illustrates the methods by which Germany is steadily absorbing the trade of the Near East. Not only, he says, do the principal German importers have capable agents established in the more important towns throughout Bulgaria to push the sale of their goods, but they also send at regular intervals experienced travellers who thoroughly investigate the commercial condition of the country in its various trade centres, take note of the wants and requirements of the population, and enter into direct relations with the retail trader. They are, moreover, instructed to do business at any cost, and are authorised to give credit for a year or even longer. By their readiness to accept the smallest order, by scrupulously adhering to conditions and specifications, and by strictly supplying goods according to sample approved, German importers are now reaping the fruits of a painstaking and methodical commercial policy, which menaces even Austria-Hungary's hitherto unassailed supremacy.

Mr. Toulmin goes on to say that a step in the progress of foreign competition is marked by the establishment of three new foreign banks, one German, one Austro-Hungarian and the other French, having their headquarters at Sofia, and branches at Varna, Philippopolis and Rustchuk. It is easy to see the influence these banks will have in promoting the commercial, financial and even political interests of the countries they represent. Besides the transaction of purely commercial business, ample scope for the profitable employment of their capital will be found in the development of the country's resources, the creation of new industries, the participation in Government and municipal loans and in placing the Bulgarian market in immediate touch with the foreign manufacturers. Merchants having transactions in Bulgaria will be able to deposit their documents with the banks, who will collect their accounts and generally attend to their business. The founding of a similar institution by a group of British capitalists would appear imperative, and could a commercial museum be attached, to which British manufacturers might send samples of their goods for inspection by the Bulgarian importer or consumer, there is good reason to believe that British trade would be greatly benefited. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series,* 3,630.)

Barcelona.—In his recent report, H.M. Consul-General at Barcelona (Mr. J. F. Roberts) draws the attention of British firms exporting to Barcelona to the following point:—"It has become a very general custom among their foreign competitors to quote their goods delivered into the warehouse or factory of the purchaser here. This practice has naturally found great favour in most cases with the buyer as saving him from all responsibility till the goods are actually in his warehouse or factory

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and from having to calculate and consider what further expenses, Customs duty, &c., will amount to, over and above cost price of the article." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,631.)

Peru.—H.M. Consul General at Callao (Mr. A. St. John, C.M.G.), in his recent report on Peru, remarks that the economic development of the country is advancing steadily, and there is every reason to believe that progress will continue, as there is a general and marked tendency to promote trade and production as much as possible, whilst the Government are bent on extending lines of communications in various directions. However, the trade of Peru, though satisfactory, is still out of proportion to its great resources, which will offer a vast field for enterprise and the employment of capital at no distant date.

Mr. St. John adds that catalogues are of little use if sent through the post for the purpose of inviting orders. The text of all catalogues sent to these countries should be in Spanish, and the English weights and measures converted into their metric equivalents. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,635.)

Chinkiang—The Acting British Consul at Chinkiang (Mr. B. G. Tours) reports that British manufacturers who cater for the Chinese market would do well to remember that the Chinese mind is slow and conservative, and that a new article would more easily commend itself to a Chinaman if it had a touch of something easily recognisable about it than if it were wholly a novelty. In this connection Chinese characters of good import might be employed with advantage. A character printed ornamentally on a cover, box or packet, or an article made up into the shape of a Chinese written character, would of itself convey confidence. A list of Chinese written characters suitable for the purpose has been forwarded by Mr. Tours, and may be seen by British traders at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. The size of the characters can be reduced or increased as desired. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,642.)

Matto Grosso.—The report of H.M. Consular Agent at Corumbá (Mr. C. C. Cooper) on the trade of the State of Matto Grosso during the year 1905, states that the discouraging conditions existing in regard to immigration, transport and heavy freights, and the feeling of insecurity which prevails as to the protection extended to property, has partially debarred the employment of foreign capital in the many industries that the natural resources of the district would allow to be worked with profit, but faint signs are to be noted of a general agitation in favour of increasing the inducements offered to foreign labour and capital. This, says Mr. Cooper, will no doubt have a great influence in augmenting the interest in this State as a suitable field for investments, which will increase in proportion to the gradual disappearance of the drawbacks above mentioned.

SILK PRODUCTION OF THE WORLD IN 1905.

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. L. C. Liddell) gives, in his recent report, the following figures showing the total production of raw silk in the world, during 1905, with comparative figures for the preceding year:—

—	1904.		1905.	
	Fresh Cocoons.	Raw Silk.	Fresh Cocoons.	Raw Silk.
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
Western Europe—				
France	17,215,000	1,375,000	17,619,800	1,390,400
Italy	124,872,000	10,780,000	114,400,000	9,350,000
Spain	2,189,000	169,400	2,310,000	171,600
Austria-Hungary—				
Tyrol	3,740,000	—	3,685,000	—
Goritz and Gradisca ...	780,450	693,000	911,900	759,000
Istria	166,760	—	135,300	—
Hungary	3,593,590	—	4,309,800	—
Total	152,556,800	13,017,400	143,371,800	11,671,000
Levant and Central Asia—				
Turkey in Asia—				
Broussa and Anatolia...	13,901,800	1,093,400	16,359,200	1,452,000
Syria and Cyprus ...	11,286,000	1,034,000	11,957,000	1,089,000
Turkey in Europe—				
Salonica and Adrianople	6,388,800	563,200	4,703,000	616,000
Bulgaria, Servia and Roumania	3,124,000	336,600	4,730,000	396,000
Greece and Crete ...	1,782,000	143,000	1,936,000	154,000
Caucasus...	—	792,000	—	638,000
Persia and Turkestan export	—	937,200	—	1,012,000
Total	—	4,899,400	—	5,357,000
	Bales.		Bales.	
Far East—				
China export from—				
Shanghai	74,085	9,273,000	67,000 to 68,000	8,426,000
Canton...	44,454	4,694,000	42,000 to 43,000	4,510,000
Japan (Yokohama) ...	94,710	12,819,400	75,500 to 76,000	10,230,000
India (Calcutta and Bombay)	2,265	396,800	3,600	616,000
Total	—	27,183,200	—	23,782,000
Grand total ..	—	45,100,000	—	40,810,000

(*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,625.)

ACT PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN-BUILT DREDGES IN UNITED STATES.

A despatch has been received from H. M. Embassy at Washington forwarding a copy of an Act which has passed the United States Congress, and has received the approval and signature of the President, prohibiting the employment of foreign-built dredges in the United States unless documented as a vessel of that country. Exception is made for five dredges now employed or to be employed at Galveston.

NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF OF JAPAN—CORRECTION.

The attention of the Board of Trade has been directed to the undermentioned misprints in the statement of the forthcoming new Customs Tariff of Japan, which was published as a Supplement to the "Journal" for the 14th inst.:—

(i.) *Tariff No.* 129.—*Carbonate of magnesia.*—The new rate is 2·730 yen per *100 kin*, not per kin.

(ii.) *Tariff No.* 172 (i.).—*Light mineral oils* (specific gravity below 0·730).—The reference ‖ to foot-note beginning "Conventional duty on paraffin oil" should be inserted against the words "10 per cent. *ad valorem*" in the third and fifth columns.

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

Customs Decisions.

A copy of a Supplement (No. 68) to the Customs Tariff Guide, dated 10th May last, has been received, giving Customs decisions relating to the rates of duties leviable on various articles imported into the Commonwealth.

The following are the principal decisions given:—

Articles, and how classed.	Rates of Import Duty.
Brushes—Bath spray or bath brush rubber (metal and wood)—	
As brushware, n.e.i.	25 % *ad val.*
Cement—plastic asbestos—	
As glue, gelatine, n.e.i., and cements, n.e.i.	25 % ,,
Cement—specially prepared for comb and cutter sharpening discs—	
As glue, gelatine, n.e.i., and cements, n.e.i.	20 % ,,

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Articles, and how classed.	Rates of Import Duty.
Dragon's blood, for colouring—	
As dyes...	Free.
Joints—Hood or top braces—	
As minor articles for vehicles (props)	Free.
Lugs or clips, for making elliptic springs—	
As metals, axles, and springs	15 % *ad val.*
Machinery, sterilizing, for use in manufacture of condensed milk, viz. :—Can-filling machine, described as "Rocking shaft, opening and shutting taps"—	
As machinery, n.e.i.	12½ % "
Other portions of the filling machine—	
As metals, manufactures, n.e.i.	20 % "
Sterilizer, with rotator, &c.—	
As machinery, n.e.i.	12½ % "
Manganese, resinate of—	
As drugs	Free.
Oil separator and feed water heater and purifier combined—	
As metals, manufactures, n.e.i.	20 % *ad val.*
Paper, waxed, for wrapping confectionery, and having printed thereon advertising matter—	
As paper, advertising matter	3*d.* per lb.
Quilts, cotton tapestry—	
As cosies, cushions, &c.	20 % *ad val.*
*Serviettes (paper), without advertising matter printed thereon—	
As stationery, manufactured	25 % "
Serviettes (paper), with advertising matter printed thereon—	
As paper, advertising matter, or manufactured stationery	3*d.* per lb., or 25 %, whichever is the higher duty.
Soap—Curd, used in pharmacy for making liniments—	
As soap, n.e.i.	½*d.* per lb.
Kleonoyl—	
As soap, perfumed, toilet, &c.	3*d.* "
Tubes, boiler—Welded wrought-iron tube with copper tube brazed on—	
As machinery, n.e.i.	12½ % *ad val.*

* Revised decision.

NEW ZEALAND.

Customs Decisions.

The "New Zealand Gazette" for 3rd May last contains a Commissioner's Order (No. 803), dated 3rd May, 1906, giving Customs decisions relating to the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into New Zealand.

The following are the principal decisions given by the Commissioner:—

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Articles, and how classed.	Rates of Import Duty.
Bicycle rims punched with holes, but otherwise in the rough—	
As parts of bicycles	20% *ad. val.*
Iron bars faced with steel, bevelled but not ground down to an edge, not bored, nor otherwise prepared, suitable for making planing-machine knives—	
As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal	20% "
Rules, brass, 9 in. in length, invoiced at not over 5s. 6d. the dozen, for school use—	
As educational apparatus	Free.
Sheep-dipping bath of galvanised iron, similar to Cooper's patent swim-bath, with iron gate and other attachments—	
As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal	20% *ad. val.*
Stereoscopic views, "The Underwood school series, viz.:—physiography, industries and productions, studies of characteristic features of various countries, history, real children in many lands" complete in case with descriptive book—	
As apparatus and appliances solely for teaching purposes (The stereoscope to be charged with duty.)	Free.
Tablets marked "hot," "cold," used in the manufacture of water taps—	
As articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Colony ...	"

SOUTH AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION.

Skimmed Condensed Milk and Second-hand Clothing.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of a cablegram from the High Commissioner for South Africa, dated 14th June, 1906, stating that all parties to the South African Customs Union have agreed to the suspension, until 1st July, of the new duties on "skimmed condensed milk" and "second-hand clothing" imported into the Union—subject to proof being established to the satisfaction of the proper Customs officer that importations are kept within the limits of contracts entered into prior to 25th May, 1906.

Match Splints.

A copy has also been received, through the Colonial Office, of a cablegram from the High Commissioner, dated 16th June, 1906, stating that all Governments, except Cape Colony, have agreed to the postponement of the new duties on "match splints" until 1st January, 1907—subject to the above-mentioned proviso as to contracts.

It is further stated that the Cape Government have arranged to postpone the duties on match splints until 1st October next, but are unwilling to introduce further amendment, although they offer no objection to the other Colonies postponing the duties to 1st January next.

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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Prohibition of the Importation of Live-stock from Mauritius and India.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 25th May last, contains a Proclamation (No. 164 of 1906), dated 21st May, 1906, prohibiting in accordance with the provisions of the "Animal Diseases Act," No. 27 of 1893, the importation, either directly or indirectly, of any live-stock into Cape Colony from the Island of Mauritius and India, in consequence of the existence of the disease known as "Surra" in those countries.

It is provided in the Proclamation, however, that *healthy* animals may, under certain conditions, be imported from certain parts of India.

Rebate of Excise Duty on Colonial Spirits.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette, Extraordinary," for May 25th last, contains a Notice, which it is stated is issued "for general information," to the effect that should the Tariff contained in the Customs Union Convention of 1906, presented to the Cape Parliament on the above date become Law, no rebate or refund of Excise duty will be granted on Colonial spirits used after 12 o'clock noon on 25th May, 1906, in manufactures, including tincture, doctors' prescriptions or other spirit preparations.

It is further notified that persons using Colonial spirits in any manufacture should, as heretofore, comply with the existing Excise Regulations in regard to the rebate or refund of Excise duty on such spirits so used, until such time as the above-mentioned Convention shall become Law.

SIERRA LEONE.

Articles Added to the Free List.

A copy of an Order in Council (No. 8 of 1905) has been received which provides, with effect from 1st January, 1906, for the free importation of the following articles into the Colony and Protectorate of Sierra Leone:—

Crude Carbolic,
Commercial Izal Powder,
" Carbolic Powder,
Sanitas and other disinfectants,
Permanganate of Potash,
Mosquito Netting,
Quinine,
Mosquito Proof Gauze.

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SELANGOR.

Revised Export Duties on Tin.

With reference to the notice published on p. 406 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 1st December, 1904, giving the rates of duty imposed under Notification No. 782 of 1904, on tin, tin ore and manufactured tin, exported from Selangor, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of a further Notification (No. 319 of 1906), cancelling, with effect from 1st June, 1906, the above-mentioned Notification of 1904, and imposing the following export duties in lieu thereof:—

Articles.	Export Duties.
Tin—	Dols. cts.
When the price of tin exceeds 31 dols. per pikul up to 32 dols. ... ... *per bhara*	10 00
[For each rise of 1 dol. per pikul in the price of tin above 32 dols. and up to 38 dols. per pickul, the export duty is increased 25 cents. per bhara, and when above 38 dols. per pikul, the duty is increased by 50 cents. The duty is reckoned on the price telegraphed daily from Singapore]	
Tin ore—	
Tin ore exported under such guarantees as the Resident may require that it will be smelted in the Colony of the Straits Settlements or in the United Kingdom	70 % of the duty on tin.
Tin ore exported without such guarantees	70 % " " " plus an additional duty of 30 dols. per pikul.
Manufactured tin	The same as tin.

NOTE.—For weighing tin and tin ore a fee of 2 cents per pikul is charged.

It is provided in the Notification that on tin won from rock, such that the tin cannot be obtained therefrom without picking, blasting or crushing, the above duty shall be payable subject to such rebate, if any, as the Resident may in particular cases approve, on the joint recommendation of the Senior Warden of Mines and the Government Geologist of the Federated Malay States; provided no such rebate shall exceed 50 per cent. of the above prescribed duty.

RUSSIA.

Customs Decisions.

The following is the substance of some recent decisions of the Russian Customs Department, as reported in the "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" for the 7th June:—

Excise Duty on Naphtha Products.—As products of naphtha, subject to an excise duty at the rate of 60 copecks per poud in

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addition to import duty, are included all products obtained by distilling or treating naphtha chemically or otherwise, except naphtha oils for lighting purposes, of a specific gravity of from 0·730 to 0·890 at 15° C. (12° R.).

Materials for use in Factories and Workshops.—Under Nos. 187, 198, and 202 of the Russian Tariff, a reduced rate of 20 copecks per poud is provided for felts or felted tissues of wool or cotton, or of wool and cotton mixed, and other tissues of wool or half-wool (including press and filter cloths), for use in factories and workshops. The articles admitted at the reduced rate must be exclusively destined for use as integral or accessory parts of the *machinery* of the factory (not of the articles manufactured therein); and a certificate to this effect must be presented to the Customs within two months, in order to entitle the goods to admission at the reduced rate.

Embroideries on tulle of silk or half-silk cannot be admitted at the "conventional" rate of 15 roubles per funt, applicable to embroideries on *tissues* of silk or half-silk, but must pay the "general" tariff rate of 18 roubles per funt.

Wool.—Hair.—The distinction between "wool" (dutiable under No. 181 of the Tariff) and "hair" (dutiable under No. 45) is that wool is sufficiently thin and pliable to admit of being spun or felted; whereas hair, *e.g.* the hair from the tail or the mane of the horse, is too thick and too stiff to be made into yarn or felt.

Bicycles with saddles covered with leather are to be dutiable under No. 173 (3) of the Tariff *without* the 20 per cent. surtax for upholstering.

GERMANY—SWEDEN.

Ratification of New Commercial Treaty.

With reference to recent notices in the "Board of Trade Journal," on the subject of the new Commercial Treaty between Germany and Sweden, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Treaty was ratified on the 23rd inst.

FRANCE.

Importation of Live Rodents Prohibited.

A recent French Customs circular contains a copy of a Presidential Decree prohibiting the importation into France of live rodents, especially those intended for coursing matches.

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FRANCE—*continued.*

Copyright Regulations applicable to Gramophone Records, &c.

Another Circular instructs Customs officials that charged phonograph cylinders and gramophone discs (records) for the reproduction of *words only* or of *songs with words* are to be subjected on importation to the same copyright regulations as printed matter.

Records for the reproduction of *music only, without words,* are not subject to these regulations.

FRANCE—SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON.

Increase of "Octroi de Mer" on Wines and Spirits.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a French Presidential Decree, dated 2nd June, modifying the *octroi de mer* duties on wines and spirits imported into Saint Pierre and Miquelon. The following are the rates as modified :—

		Frs.	cts.
Wines, sparkling and other, in case ...	case	3	00
Cider	hectol.	3	00
Liqueur wines and vermouth :			
In cask	,,	10	00
In case	case	4	00
Liqueurs of all kinds :			
In cask	hectol.	25	00
In case	case	5	00
Cognac :			
In cask	hectol.	9	00
In case	case	2	00

SWITZERLAND—NORWAY.

Provisional Agreement.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 72 of the Journal for the 11th January, on the subject of the Commercial Treaty between Norway and Switzerland, which expired on the 27th May, it is to be noted that, according to the "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" for the 7th June, the two countries have agreed to accord to one another most-favoured-nation treatment pending the conclusion of a new Treaty.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Customs Decisions.

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington :—

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Articles.	Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable.	Rate of Duty.
		Dols. Cts.
Glass thermometers with faces presenting a frosted or ground effect produced with acid, or with backs coated with paint or white enamel, having bevelled or ground edges	100	60 % *ad val.*
Uganda tree bark.—The bark of the Uganda tree, a product of British East Africa, hammered when moist by the natives of that country, but otherwise in its original form, dutiable as a non-enumerated manufactured article	Section 6.	20 % "
Wearing apparel composed in chief value of buckskin, elaborately ornamented with beads of different colours, dutiable as wearing apparel composed in part of beads	408	60 % "
Old railway fish-plates, fit only for re-manufacture; dutiable as scrap steel	122	Ton 4 00
Steel watch chains—toy chains.—Watch chains of steel, such as vest chains of the usual length, furnished with bar, snap, and charm, and complete fob chains, though of cheap construction; dutiable as manufactures of metal...	193	45 % *ad val.*
Watch chains of steel, shorter than the usual length and of flimsy character; dutiable as toys... ...	418	35 % "
Vetch seed, as "grass seed"	656	Free.
Box-tops of paper, cut from wall-paper	407	35 % *ad val.*
Skins of cattle, weighing less than 12 pounds ...	664	Free.

Screw rods, manufactured by hot rolling, and then cold drawn, but not subjected to other treatment, are not liable to the additional duty of one-half of 1 cent per pound prescribed in the second proviso to paragraph 136 of the Tariff, for such rods when "tempered, treated in any manner or partly manufactured," but they are liable to the additional duty of one-fourth of 1 cent per pound provided in the opening clause of paragraph 141, as rods which have been cold drawn in addition to hot rolled.

Metal statuary.—Metal statuary made by a process in which the metal comes from the mould in an extremely rough state, having upon its surface protuberances and incrustations which require that the entire surface of the statue must be carefully chiselled by the tool of the sculptor, and practically all the detail worked out by hand, is dutiable as statuary "wrought by hand from metal," under paragraph 454 of the Tariff, at the rate of 20 per cent. *ad valorem* and not as manufactures of metal under paragraph 193.

Marble bases for statues.—Where certain detached marble bases are imported with statuary, and each base is shown to have been made for a particular statue, each statue and its appropriate base form an entirety for duty purposes, assessable as "statuary." Such bases are therefore not dutiable as manufactures of marble.

Vases, &c.—Various articles of ornament or utility, made of marble or metal, such as well curbs, tables, seats, jardinières, vases, pedestals, cups, bonbonnières, spoons, ewers, lamps, door knockers, caskets, &c., are not "statuary" within the meaning of the Tariff.

Oriental stripes.—So-called "oriental stripes" are dutiable as cotton cloth, according to count of threads, weight, value, &c., under paragraphs 304 to 309, inclusive, of the Tariff.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Decree respecting the Importation of Cotton Seed.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of an Argentine Presidential Decree prohibiting the importation of cotton seed from regions infected with the cotton weevil (*Authonomus grandis*). All cotton seed introduced into the country is to be carefully disinfected.

The Decree is to take effect from the 8th September next.

SAN SALVADOR.

Tariff Changes.

The Board of Trade have received from the Consul-General of the Republic of Salvador a copy of a Salvadorian Law, which was passed on the 30th April last, and is now in force, modifying the duties on the undermentioned articles included in the tariff of Salvador, as follows:—

		Pesos.*	
Cotton goods of all classes, white or bleached, plain, containing up to 20 threads in warp or weft in a space of 7 mm. ($\frac{1}{4}$-in. English)	Kilog.†	0	40
Ditto, containing more than 20 threads	„	1	00
Lace, insertions, ornaments, galloons, and embroidered point lace, of cotton, of a width not exceeding 25 cm.	„	1	00
Ditto, of a width exceeding 25 cm.	„	3	00
Canvas, or packing cloth, containing up to 6 threads in warp or weft in a space of 7 mm.	„	0	05
Ditto, containing more than 6 threads	„	0	50
Floss silk in skeins and twisted silk for weaving on cards or wooden reels, the latter of the type of Spanish silk of 1 or 2 fibres	„	0	25
Nankeen, of linen, pure or mixed	„	0	60
Tissues of crape, piqué or any other kind of silk, pure or mixed, of any size or shape, for the manufacture of shawls, mufflers, mantles, veils and the like, of all kinds and sizes; twisted silk of any thickness in hanks or skeins, for sewing, embroidery, or any other purpose; shawls, mufflers, mantillas, and all kinds of wraps for women, plain, figured, or embroidered, of pure or mixed silk, whatever be the quantity of silk present; flounces, borders, edgings, fringes of silk, pure or mixed, for shawls and other wraps included under this heading	„	7	00
Revolvers, of calibre 38 or less	„	3	00

Invoices—Particulars to be stated.—Article 2 of the Law provides that merchants shall specify in the respective consular invoices the number of threads contained in warp or weft in the spaces specified, in the case of the cotton tissues and packing-cloth and canvas mentioned in this Law; and that, in the case of lace, insertions, &c., they shall specify the width thereof.

* The nominal value of the Salvadorian peso (colon) is 2*s*. See p. 177 of the "Journal" for the 26th April for information respecting the method of paying import duties.

† Kilog.=2·2046 lbs.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Recognition of Italian Tonnage Certificates.

With reference to the notice published on p. 319 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th May last, respecting the recognition of British tonnage certificates by the Italian authorities, the Board of Trade have issued a circular calling attention to an Order in Council, dated 11th May, 1906, exempting from re-registration in His Majesty's Dominions Italian ships having certificates of register or other national papers dated on and after 10th February, 1906.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Central South African Railways in 1905.

From the Report on the Central South African Railways for the year ended 31st December, 1905, it appears that the total length of railway (including double and treble track) open for traffic at the end of last year was 1,789 miles. There were 644 miles under construction, and 259 projected. When all the branches are finished, the approximate length of the system will be 2,750 miles.

Taking through and local passenger traffic together, 6,871,547 passengers were carried, yielding a revenue of 1,234,271*l.*, as compared with 5,468,366 passengers carried during 1904, yielding a revenue of 1,112,821*l.*

During the year the tonnage hauled was 4,553,388, yielding 3,646,372*l.* compared with 4,238,815 tons hauled during 1904, yielding 3,045,333*l.*

CAPE COLONY.

Railway Rates Proposed by Inter-Colonial Railway Conference.

The Board of Trade have received from their Correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell) copy of an official summary, as presented to the Cape Parliament, showing the articles affected by the recommendations of the inter-Government Railway Conference at Maritzburg in March last, together with illustrations of the charges under the rates at present in force and under those proposed by the Conference.

Revised Goods Rates to Transvaal *viâ* Fourteen Streams.

Mr. Cattell has also forwarded copy of the revised and reduced goods rates from the ports of Cape Colony to certain stations in the Transvaal, *viâ* the newly constructed Fourteen Streams and Klerksdorp route.

These documents may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Shipping and Transport.

FRANCE—NEW CALEDONIA.

Law as to Liability of Carriers.

The French "Journal Officiel" of the 19th June contains the text of a Decree by which the additional paragraph to Article 103 of the French Commercial Code relating to the law as to liability of carriers (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 11th May, 1905, p. 266) is rendered applicable to New Caledonia.

BRAZIL.

Re-organisation of Brazilian-Lloyd S.S. Company: Expected Improvement in River Communications.

In his report for 1905 on the State of Matto Grosso, H.M. Consular Agent at Corumbá (Mr. C. C. Cooper) alludes to the improvement to be expected in the river traffic of that State in consequence of the re-organisation of the Brazilian-Lloyd Steamship Company (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th June, p. 485). Mr. Cooper understands that two cargo and two passenger steamers are to be added to the Montevideo-Corumbá line, making at least three round journeys per month. Small steamers, specially constructed for the rivers of the State, will ply regularly between Cuyabá, São Luiz, Coxim, Aquidanana and Corumbá which, up to the present, has possessed very indifferent means of communicating with the last four points, notwithstanding their importance as centres of the ipecacuanha, rubber, cattle and mining industries.

JAPAN.

Motor Traction.

In reporting on the prospects of motor traction in Japan, the Acting British Vice-Consul at Yokohama (Mr. T. Harrington) states that the cost of haulage in Japan varies as follows:—by rail an average charge for ordinary commodities would be fivepence a ton per mile; in the towns transport by road is higher and in Yokohama is generally a matter of a fixed rate irrespective of distance, the rate on level ground being about 2*s.* 5*d.* to 2*s.* 10*d.* per ton.

Self-propelled vehicles are still quite a rarity in Japan, and the few introduced are not for the transport of goods.

Speaking generally, it may be said that, in view of the poor roads and the minute sub-division of the country by the native methods of agriculture, traction systems so far are developing only where special road-beds are necessary; hence the extension of the railways and more especially of the electric tramways in numerous localities. Doubtless the advantages of self-propelled vehicles on ordinary roads will lead to some development, but at present such business is in its infancy.

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

BRITISH INDIA.

Manganese Ore Deposits.

According to "Capital" (Calcutta) the survey of the known manganese ore deposits in India recently carried out by the Geological authorities is said to show the existence of ore in quantities sufficient to meet the large export trade in the richest varieties for many years to come, and of practically unlimited quantities of lower grade which at present prices would not pay for the high transport charges to Europe and America, but would be available for the requirements of steel manufacturers in India. In the course of the survey valuable data are said to have been obtained with regard to the geological relationships of the ore bodies and a number of new varieties of minerals were discovered.

Bauxite in the Central Provinces.

The same journal states that several concessions are reported to have already been taken up in the Central Provinces under prospecting licences with a view to testing the value of the bauxite deposits lately discovered in that part of the country. The economic possibilities and limitations of these deposits have recently been discussed in one of the publications of the Geological Department for the assistance of those who wish to undertake the enterprise of their development.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Mineral Production.

The report for the year ended 31st March last of the Rhodesia Chamber of Mines states that the output of gold from Southern Rhodesia and Tati for that year was declared at 438,893 oz. 3·49 dwts., valued at 1,599,195*l.*, being an increase of 129,376 oz. in weight and 478,667*l.* in value as compared with the year ended 31st March, 1905. The output of silver amounted to 83,996·27 oz., valued at 9,390*l.*; that of lead to 550·98 tons, valued at 6,232*l.*; and that of diamonds from the Somabula area to 1,161 carats, valued at 4,208*l.* The yield of coal from the Wankie Colliery amounted to 111,105 tons; the sales during the year realised 62,285*l.*

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Metal and Mineral Production.

From the Annual Report of the New South Wales Department of Mines for the year 1905, it appears that the metals and minerals produced in New South Wales during that year were valued at 7,017,940*l.*, as compared with a value of 6,391,764*l.* in 1904. The quantities and values of the chief metals and minerals produced are shown in the following table:—

Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.

	1904.		1905.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Coal ... ... Tons	6,019,809	1,994,952	6,632,138	2,003,461
Coke ... ... „	171,006	110,692	162,961	100,306
Copper (ingots, matte and ore)* „	8,932	406,001	8,257	511,754
Gold ... ... Fine oz.	269,817	1,146,109	274,267	1,165,013
Iron† ... ... Tons	6,303	80,504	4,447	85,693
Portland cement	—	54,750	—	88,100
Silver-lead, ore, concentrates, &c. ... ... Tons	397,220	1,942,284	441,447	2,441,856
Tin (ingots and ore)‡ ... „	1,700	188,377	1,519	173,806
Zinc (spelter and concentrates) „	57,603	117,978	103,533	221,155

* Exclusive of copper produced from ore from the other States of the Commonwealth.
† Made from scrap, no ore being used.
‡ Exclusive of tin refined from imported ores.

GREECE.

Mining Concessions.

The British Vice-Consul at Laurium (Mr. S. Desposito) includes in his report for 1905 a list of concessions lately granted by the Greek Government in the various provinces of the Kingdom, showing the names of owners, situation and area, and minerals for which concessions are granted. For this list reference should be made to *Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,621, to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, price 1½*d*.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Production of Iron and Steel Structural Shapes.

The "Iron Age" (New York), publishes the following statistics, collected by the American Iron and Steel Association, of the production of iron and steel structural shapes in the United States in 1905. These statistics include the production of beams, beam girders, zee bars, tees, channels, angles, and other structural forms, but they do not include plates or girders made from plates.

The total production of strictly structural shapes in 1905 was 1,660,519 tons, against 949,146 tons in 1904, an increase of 711,373 tons, or over 74·9 per cent. The production of 1905 was much the largest ever turned out in one year. The next largest production was in 1902, when an output of 1,300,326 tons was attained, falling to 1,095,813 tons the next year and to 949,146 tons in 1904. Of the total production in 1905 about 1,648,889 tons were rolled from steel and about 11,630 tons from iron, against about 941,127 tons from steel and about 8019 tons from iron in 1904.

YARNS AND TEXTILES.

BRITISH INDIA.

Cotton Spinning and Weaving Returns for March.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the monthly return issued by the Indian Government, showing the quantity of cotton yarn spun, and of cotton woven goods produced, in each province in British India, and in the Native States, during March of each of the years 1904, 1905, and 1906, and in the twelve months, April to March, 1904, 1905, and 1906.

The following is a summarised statement extracted from the above return, giving particulars for the twelve months ended March, 1904, 1905, and 1906:—

—	Twelve Months ended March.		
	1904.	1905.	1906.
BRITISH INDIA, BERAR, AND NATIVE STATES.			
Cotton yarn spun ... ... Lbs.	578,759,075	578,381,275	680,918,581
Cotton woven goods produced:—			
Grey goods ... ... "	112,347,786	130,057,424	133,650,617
Grey goods ... ... = Yards	460,544,273	547,712,981	562,856,174
Figured and coloured goods Lbs.	23,276,291	25,531,677	28,497,306
Hosiery ... ... "	814,331	759,402	758,751
Miscellaneous goods ... "	1,605,764	2,398,052	971,590

ITALY.

Cotton Industry of Lombardy.

The following particulars of the cotton goods industry of Italy are taken from the report of H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey):—

"The cotton goods stated to be manufactured in Italy are bordered goods, common woven coloured goods known as 'Floride' and 'Caroline,' Mogador, domestics, fustians, twills, sateens, drills, Indian prints, mixtures, lenos, table linen, serges (for umbrellas and prints), madapollams, shirtings, plain and twill flannelettes, plain and coloured reps, fancies (jacquard and dobby), damasks (jacquard), jacquards, coloured trouserings, coloured aprons, coloured handkerchiefs.

"The following table shows the number of cotton mills in Lombardy:—

—	Milan.	Bergamo	Como.	Other Places.	Total.
Cotton wool	—	—	—	1	1
Absorbent cotton	3	—	—	1	4
Waste cotton...	4	1	1	—	6
Spinning	20	10	10	18	58
Weaving	171	11	32	6	220
Spinning, doubling, weaving ...	13	8	3	4	28
" weaving, printing ...	2	1	—	—	3
Dyeing, bleaching, dressing ...	64	16	—	—	80
Total	277	47	46	30	400

Yarns and Textiles.

"The total number of engines in the cotton mills and factories in Lombardy is 596 with an aggregate horse-power of 38,701. Of the engines 340 are steam, 195 hydraulic, 6 gas, &c., and 55 electrical. The total number of boilers is 559 and of workpeople employed 63,267, whereof 18,652 are men, 1,875 boys under 15, 34,954 women, and 7,786 girls under 15." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,647.)

CHINA.

Samples of American Cottons sold at Chinkiang.

The Acting British Consul at Chinkiang (Mr. B. G. Tours), in his recent report (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,642) records an increase in the imports of American cottons at the expense of the British manufacturer. Taking the articles in which comparison between the manufactures of the two countries can be made—shirtings, sheetings, drills and jeans—the following list shows the imports for 1904 and 1905:—

—	1904.		1905.	
	British.	American.	British.	American.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.
Shirtings	539,907	14,460	507,784	19,805
Sheetings	33,440	21,240	40,719	33,320
Drills	13,220	65,011	17,772	74,170
Jeans	17,870	6,140	21,869	6,890

Mr. Tours is informed that the growing popularity of American cotton goods is due to their stronger quality, and he understands that the Chinese do not mind paying a little extra for this advantage.

Samples of the American cotton goods which find favour among the local Chinese, together with a list of local market prices, forwarded by Mr. Tours, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

AGRICULTURE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 23rd June, 1906, were as follows:—

Wheat	30*s.* 5*d.*
Barley	22*s.* 10*d.*
Oats	20*s.* 2*d.*

For further particulars see p. 642.

Imports of Agricultural Produce.

A statement is published on p. 643, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 23rd June, 1906, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1905.

RUSSIA.

Regulation of Sugar Production.

With reference to the notice on pp. 129-30 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18th January last, a despatch has been received from H.M. Embassy at St. Petersburg reporting that the "normal" quantity of sugar which can be placed on the home market on payment of the ordinary excise duty of 1 rouble 75 copecks a poud (1·22*d.* a pound) has been legally fixed for the season 1906-7 at 70,000,000 pouds (2,527,000,000 pounds).

Beetroot Cultivation.

H.M. Consul at Kieff (Mr. H. P. Smith) reports that the area under beetroot in Russia for 1906 is given as 537,729 dessatines (1,478,755 acres), an increase of 44,558 dessatines (122,535 acres), or 9 per cent., when compared with 1905. The increase in the different sugar-producing districts of Russia is as follows:—South Western, 9·4 per cent.; Dnieper, 9·3 per cent.; Central, 17·0 per cent; Poland, 5·5 per cent. There will be 279 factories in operation in 1906 as against 276 in 1905.

ITALY.

Unfavourable Results of Cotton Cultivation.

According to the report of H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) the cultivation of cotton in Italy is insignificant, and probably does not yield more than 10,000 bales. The results are not favourable to its extension. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series,* 3,647.)

Agriculture.

MEXICO.

"Guayule" Rubber Plant.

H.M. Consul at Mexico City (Mr. L. J. Jerome) has recently forwarded certain information in regard to the "Guayule" rubber plant which grows in profusion in Mexico, in Texas, and also, it is understood, in Venezuela. It appears that steps are being taken to develop Guayule growing in Texas, and Mr. Jerome thinks it might also be tried with advantage in parts of British Possessions in Africa. A small sample of a ball manufactured in Hamburg from Guayule rubber, together with a publication of the Mexican Department of "Fomento" giving details as to the cultivation of the Guayule plants, may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

BRAZIL.

Cotton Cultivation in Matto Grosso.

H.M. Consular Agent at Corumbá (Mr. C. C. Cooper) reports that cotton will one day become one of the chief articles of export from the State of Matto Grosso, as there are extensive regions well adapted in climate and soil for producing first-class qualities. Mr. Cooper adds, "I would strongly recommend cotton merchants and others interested to bear in mind the possibilities of this new field for the cultivation of this industry." See also p. 621.

JAPAN.

Horse-breeding, Stallions to be imported.

With reference to the notice on p. 35 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 4th January on the subject of horse-breeding in Japan, H.M. Ambassador at Tokio (Sir C. M. MacDonald, G.C.M.G.), reports that a sum of 75,000*l.* was voted during the last Session of the Diet for the purpose of erecting a central bureau, and a number of Government stud-farms throughout the country. The new system, which was to supersede all existing arrangements for Government horse-breeding, was to come into force in April of this year, by which time it was hoped that all the details of the scheme would be settled.

Owing to various causes a delay occurred in drawing up the regulations, but it was expected at the time of writing (17th May) that the central bureau would be erected, and the scheme in working order by the end of May. Sir C. M. MacDonald is informed that the scheme provides for the eventual purchase of 1,500 stallions abroad.

MISCELLANEOUS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 21st June, 1906, was 29,958 (including 537 bales British West Indian and 2 bales British West African), and the number imported during the twenty-five weeks ended the 21st June was 2,025,254 (including 4,728 bales British West Indian and 3,264 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 21st June, 1906, 5,539 bales, and for the twenty-five weeks, 193,145.

For further details see p. 642.

CEYLON.

New Regulations relating to Designs and Trade Marks.

The "Ceylon Government Gazette" of 1st June publishes the text of new regulations under the "Designs Ordinance, 1904," as amended by Ordinance No. 9 of 1906, also new regulations under the "Trade Marks Ordinance, 1888," and Amending Ordinances.

The "Gazette" containing these regulations may be seen on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

FRANCE.

Law Regulating the Distribution of Electric Energy.

The French "Journal Officiel" of the 17th June contains the text of a Law adopted by the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies and promulgated by the President of the Republic, regulating the establishment and working of electric supply enterprises in France.

The "Journal" may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

ITALY.

Development of Distilleries in Tuscany.

The "Bulletin" of the French Chamber of Commerce at Milan remarks on the development which has taken place in Tuscany in the distillation of the wine residue from which alcohol and tartar is extracted. The number of distilleries has increased rapidly, and amounts to 24, whilst seven or eight are to be started next year.

These distilleries have found it necessary to form themselves into a syndicate, in order to assure to each concern a fair share of material to work on, and to eliminate competition. This association will discourage new installations which would injure those already existing, but will favour them in districts where the industry is not already developed. It will endeavour by scientific methods to increase production, and will organise and regulate the sale, &c.

Miscellaneous.

PORTUGAL.

Tobacco Monopoly.

With reference to the notice on p. 202 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 3rd May, H.M. Minister at Lisbon (Hon. Sir F. H. Villiers, K.C.M.G., C.B.) reports that the present holders of the Portuguese Tobacco Monopoly having exercised their right of option, a provisional contract was signed on the 2nd June granting to them the new concession for a period of nineteen years on the conditions imposed by the preceding Government, and upon a minimum annual payment of six thousand five hundred and twenty contos of reis (1,448,888*l.*) the amount offered by the Portuguese Match Company.

BULGARIA.

Encouragement of Native Industries.

With reference to the notice on pp. 122-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal," of 19th October last, respecting a new Law for the encouragement of Bulgarian industries, the following extract from the report of the British Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin) may be of interest :—

"Great efforts are being made towards the development of all kinds of industrial undertakings, and the new Law for the "Encouragement of Native Industries," which was passed by the Sobranje in March, 1905, will undoubtedly open a profitable field for the introduction of foreign capital. The old Law, while inviting the capitalist, whether native or foreign, to establish industries by conferring special privileges, insisted on the administration of such companies being Bulgarian. It was consequently of no avail. The present Government, in passing the new law, have abolished the old restrictions and extended the privileges, whereby the machinery, raw material, coal, &c., destined for the undertaking enjoy exemption from Customs duties and reduction of freight rates on the State Railways.

"To encourage intending pioneers of new branches of industries, it should be mentioned that the industries in actual existence are making great progress." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,630.)

BRAZIL.

Taxes on Commercial Traveliers in Matto Grosso.

H.M. Consular Agent at Corumbá (Mr. C. C. Cooper) reports that the following taxes are levied in the State of Matto Grosso on commercial travellers carrying samples :—

Cuyabá	...	dols. 300 (20*l.*)	per annum.
Corumbá	...	„ 100 (6*l.* 15*s.*)	„
São Luiz	...	„ 100 (6*l.* 15*s.*)	„

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the Week and 25 Weeks ended 21st June, 1906 :—

—	Week ended 21st June, 1906.	25 Weeks ended 21st June, 1906.	Week ended 21st June, 1906.	25 Weeks ended 21st June, 1906.
	IMPORTS. (Bales.)		EXPORTS. (Bales.)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
American	17,803	1,480,428	1,866	102,100
Brazilian	5,524	169,404	46	9,958
East Indian	2,089	84,301	2,888	21,753
Egyptian	3,604	254,633	611	55,027
Miscellaneous	938*	36,488†	128	4,307
Total	29,958	2,025,254	5,539	193,145

* Including 537 bales British West Indian, and 2 bales British West African.
† " 4,728 " " 3,264 " "

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn,** per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 23rd June, 1906, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

—	Average Price.					
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Week ended 23rd June, 1906	30	5	22	10	20	2
Corresponding week in—						
1899	25	7	24	2	18	0
1900	26	11	23	4	19	3
1901	27	6	25	4	20	0
1902	30	5	24	3	22	9
1903	27	6	22	0	18	6
1904	26	5	19	2	16	10
1905	31	7	23	9	18	10

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 23rd June, 1906, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

—		Week ended 23rd June, 1906.	*Corresponding Week in 1905.*
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number.	8,679	*8,516*
Sheep and lambs	"	808	*1,886*
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	361	*167*
Fresh Meat :—			
Beef	Cwts.	111,626	*111,501*
Mutton	"	106,184	*115,889*
Pork	"	3,918	*4,259*
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon	Cwts.	85,451	*103,662*
Beef	"	3,338	*2,456*
Hams	"	29,256	*22,839*
Pork	"	3,662	*5,035*
Meat, unenumerated, salted or fresh ...	"	15,154	*17,172*
Meat, preserved otherwise than by salting...	"	9,202	*11,559*
Dairy produce and substitutes :—			
Butter	Cwts.	104,812	*78,495*
Margarine	"	17,484	*20,194*
Cheese	"	66,587	*64,735*
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	—
" cream	"	135	*130*
" condensed	"	19,624	*18,858*
" preserved, other kinds...	"	75	*3*
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	398,800	*476,373*
Poultry	Value £	2,624	*6,318*
Game	"	1,025	*15*
Rabbits, dead (not tinned)	Cwts.	4,680	*3,127*
Lard	"	42,282	*56,736*
Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—			
Wheat	Cwts.	2,803,800	*1,693,800*
Wheat meal and flour	"	275,770	*218,600*
Barley	"	158,700	*308,300*
Oats	"	464,000	*614,700*
Peas	"	26,550	*36,797*
Beans	"	370	*6,090*
Maize or Indian corn	"	1,104,700	*735,900*
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples	Cwts.	8,826	*8,755*
Apricots and peaches	"	156	*608*
Bananas	Bunches.	150,780	*147,442*
Cherries	Cwts.	32,847	*34,546*
Currants...	"	1,544	*3,812*
Gooseberries	"	5,576	*3,755*
Grapes	"	174	*157*
Lemons	"	17,966	*28,616*
Oranges	"	68,582	*24,541*
Pears	"	7	*2*
Plums	"	17	*69*
Strawberries	"	9,041	*5,807*
Unenumerated	"	2,390	*2,444*
Hay...	Tons.	3,783	*3,009*
Straw	"	1,754	*1,881*
Moss Litter	"	1,268	*1,746*
Hops	Cwts.	641	*710*
Locust Beans	"	22,894	*12,240*
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions	Bushels.	28,959	*65,701*
Potatoes	Cwts.	458,137	*428,162*
Tomatoes	"	7,207	*38,167*
Unenumerated	Value £	12,005	*13,557*
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	3,903	*2,066*
Preserved by canning...	"	3,614	*1,825*

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of May, 1906, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1*s.* 2*d.* per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that Volume I. of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1905, may be purchased at a cost of 7*s.* 8*d.* at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1901–1905, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country). The second volume will contain details as to customs revenue, transhipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

THE BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"* is published by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the June issue:—State of the Labour Market in May; French and German Strikes in 1905; Austrian Trade Unions in 1905; Wholesale Prices in America; Old Age Pensions in Australia; Municipal Housing in Venice; and Recent Conciliation Cases and Collective Agreements.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the **Annual Series** issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

ANNUAL SERIES.

No. 3,642. Trade of Chinkiang, 1905.

Increase in total trade of nearly 1,000,000 taels as compared with 1904.

Details of import trade in opium, cottons, woollens, metals, &c.

Notable increase in import of gunny bags, mainly from Japan and Manila.

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No. 3,643. Trade of Hawaii, 1904-5.

Detailed statistics of imports from United Kingdom, which declined in value from 128,079*l.* in 1904 to 62,825*l.* in 1905.

Particulars of the sugar industry.

Promising outlook for the new industry of tobacco culture.

No. 3,644. Trade of Malaga, 1905.

Import trade adversely affected by the prolonged drought and the fall in exchange.

Industrial development hoped for in view of increased transport facilities.

Increased imports of fertilisers.

Details of projected secondary railways.

This publication also contains reports from Almeria, Puerto de Mazarron, Aguilas, Carthagena, Granada, Garrucha, Linares, and Marbella.

No. 3,645. Trade of the Society Islands, 1905.

Continued depression in trade.

Detailed examination of imports from the United Kingdom, United States of America, France, and Germany.

Particulars of exports of copra, mother-of-pearl shell, and vanilla.

No. 3,646. Trade of North Formosa, 1905.

Slight increase in total trade.

Particulars of the proportion of trade amongst various countries.

Considerable shortage in the production of camphor.

Development of gold mining.

Details of new railways and harbour works.

No. 3,647. Trade of Lombardy, 1905.

Increasing economic development and greater commercial and industrial activity, especially as regards textile industries.

Healthy condition of the silk industry at close of season.

List of cotton goods now manufactured in Italy.

Promising development of the chemical industry.

Industrial statistics for 1905.

Description of British exhibits at Milan.

No. 3,648. Trade of Wuhu, 1905.

Large increase in the export of rice. Shrinkage in import of opium but continued improvement in metals.

British shipping maintained its lead.

Projected railway to tap the hinterland of Wuhu and to connect with another proposed railway at Huchow.

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No. 3,649. Trade of Paraguay, 1905.

Efforts to attract emigration from Europe.

Rapid growth of timber trade.

Development of railway and automobile traction.

Imports of cotton printed goods.

No. 3,650. Trade of Fiume, 1905.

Trade dull owing to political uncertainty.

Increase in imports, due to maize, phosphates and coal.

Detailed returns of shipping from and to the United Kingdom, India, &c.

Municipal electrical schemes.

No. 3,651. Trade of Martinique, 1905.

Improvement in total trade, exports being larger but imports smaller.

Statistics of principal articles imported from the United Kingdom and British Colonies.

Notes on the increasing trade in fertilisers.

Proposed lengthening of dry dock at Fort-de-France.

No. 3,652. Trade of Erzeroum, 1905.

Success of German and Italian competition in inferior qualities of cotton goods. The United Kingdom maintained its lead in the better class goods.

Means of communication with the Black Sea.

Reports by the British Vice-Consuls at Diarbekir and Bitlis.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Foreign Trade (Comparative Growth). 192. *Price ½d.*

This return, which has been prepared in the Board of Trade, shows the total imports and exports (special trade) for each of the years 1854, 1864, 1874, 1884, 1894, and 1904 of the following countries, viz: France, German Zollverein and German Empire, Belgium, Holland, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Spain, Portugal, United States, and United Kingdom.

Passengers to and from places out of Europe. Cd. 2,839—*IV. Price ½d.*

This is the May number of the return showing the numbers and nationalities of the passengers that left, or arrived in, the United Kingdom for or from places out of Europe; and the net balance of such passengers outward or inward, during the month and five months ending 31st May, 1906, compared with the corresponding periods of the previous year. During the five

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months ended the 31st May, 1906, the total number (provisional) of passengers that left the United Kingdom for places out of Europe was 225,237, as compared with 191,372 during the corresponding period of 1905, and the total number (provisional) that arrived in the United Kingdom from places out of Europe during the five months ended the 31st May, 1906, was 71,859, as compared with 64,042 during the corresponding period of 1905. The balance of the total movement shows that the number of passengers that left the United Kingdom for places out of Europe exceeded the number of passengers that arrived in the United Kingdom from places out of Europe by 153,378 during the five months ended the 31st May, 1906, as compared with a similar excess of 127,330 during the corresponding period of 1905.

Report of the Royal Commission on the Navigation Bill of the Australian Commonwealth, 1904. [*Cd.* 3,023.] *Price* 6*d.*

This is the interim report of the Commission appointed "to examine the Bill for an Act relating to Navigation and Shipping," &c. The Commissioners recommend *inter alia* that the Commonwealth Government take over the control of the quarantine system, lighthouses, &c.; that subsidised foreign ships be prohibited from participating in the Australian coasting trade; that it be made illegal to give rebates of freight where such are conditional on exclusive shipping by a certain vessel or vessels. A minority report dealing with manning, the coasting trade and rebates is also presented.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure of the Government of India for the year 1905-6, *compared with the results of* 1904-05. 164. *Price* 2*d.*

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The Governments of India, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, and Queensland, also the Governments of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, have established, in proximity to the Commercial Intelligence Branch, at 73, Basinghall Street, special offices for dealing with trade matters (see next page).

The "Board of Trade Journal" is the principal medium through which intelligence collected by the Commercial Intelligence Branch, and intended for general information, is conveyed to the public. The "Journal" is issued weekly at the price of 1*d*. All applications respecting subscription, or the purchase of single copies, should be addressed in London to Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; in Edinburgh to Messrs. Oliver & Boyd; and in Dublin to Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street. Copies may also be obtained from Messrs. G. Street & Co., Ltd., 30, Cornhill, E.C.

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In due course it is intended to equip and maintain a display room, illustrating the products, resources and manufactures of the Dominion. In the meantime, a Canadian representative attends daily to deal with enquiries and applications in connection with Canadian import and export trade, and to supply information about Canadian matters generally. Personal appointments can be arranged when desired.

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IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

The Imperial Institute at South Kensington was transferred by Act of Parliament to the control of the Board of Trade on the 1st January, 1903. The work formerly carried on by the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Institute is now conducted by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

The Imperial Institute is chiefly occupied with the systematic investigation and illustration of the principal resources of India and the Colonies. It includes :—

1. The Galleries, containing collections of economic products, &c., illustrative of the natural and commercial resources of British Possessions. These are open free to the public daily (except on Sundays) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special arrangements may be made for the visits of schools and other educational institutions. Information concerning India and the Colonies, their products, industries, prospects for emigration, &c., may be obtained on verbal application at the Central stand in the Galleries, or applications may be addressed in writing to the Director of the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, S.W. Publications furnishing information relating to the commerce, agriculture, mining and other industries of India and the Colonies, as well as those relating to emigration, may also be obtained on application at the Central stand. From time to time samples and specimens of raw and manufactured products will be shown in the sample room attached to the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

2. The Scientific and Technical Department with extensive laboratories specially equipped for the purpose of investigating problems connected with tropical agriculture and development. In this Department new or little known natural products from India and the Colonies, and commercial products from new sources, received through the Government of the countries concerned, are examined with a view to their valuation and utilisation. The expert staff of the Department is also engaged in the collection of information from all sources on these and similar subjects.

3. The Library and Reading Rooms, containing a large collection of Indian and Colonial works of reference, which are regularly supplied with the principal official publications of India and the Colonies, and with many of the principal newspapers, periodicals and maps of the United Kingdom, India, and the Colonies.

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5. The "Bulletin of the Imperial Institute." This publication, which is now issued quarterly, includes reports on investigations conducted at the Imperial Institute, and also special articles relating to recent developments in tropical agriculture and in the utilisation of raw materials. The "Bulletin" may be obtained at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, or from Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, Fleet Street, E.C., price one shilling per number.

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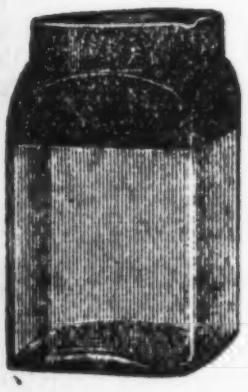

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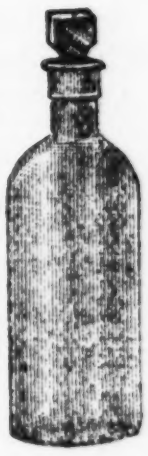

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Sealed tenders, upon the form supplied, addressed to A. Percival Dell, Esq., Clerk to the Council, Town Hall, Teignmouth, Devon, and endorsed "Teignmouth Water Scheme—Contract No. 2," must be delivered on or before Saturday, July 7th, next.

CHAS. F. GETTINGS,
Engineer.

Town Hall, Teignmouth,
June 2nd, 1906.

WINSFORD (CHESHIRE), July 3.—For supply of cannel and best screened gas coal, to be delivered at the Cheshire Lines Station, Winsford, or the Over and Whorton Station of the London and North-Western Railway, or at Council's wharf on the River Weaver at Winsford, for the Urban District Council. The material is required for twelve months ending August 1, 1907. The probable quantities required will be about 300 tons of cannel and about 1,700 tons of gas coal. Forms of application to the gas manager, Mr. F. Sidwell, Winsford, or from the clerk.

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County Council of Middlesex.
To Contractors.

The Light Railways and Tramways Committee of the County Council invite tenders for the work and materials required in the construction of the Permanent Way (for electric traction), Bridge Work, Road Widenings, &c., for:—

Contract No. 17.

Railway No. 1 (Order, 1903).—A Line of Double Track (with cross-overs, contingent works, &c.), to be laid along Green-lanes in the districts of Wood Green and Southgate, in the County of Middlesex, to a length of 3 miles 0 furlongs, 4 chains, or thereabouts.

The plans, conditions of contract, specification of works, &c., for this contract may be seen, and schedules of quantities obtained by intending contractors (on payment of £10, which will be returned on receipt of a bona fide tender), on application at my offices between office hours on and after Wednesday, June 27, 1906.

Tenders, properly sealed and endorsed "Tender for Light Railway No. 1," to be delivered to Sir Richard Nicholson, Clerk of the County Council, Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, S.W., not later than 12 noon on Wednesday, July 11, 1906.

The County Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

H. T. WAKELAM, M.INST.C.E.,
County Engineer.

Middlesex Guildhall,
Westminster, S.W.
June 14, 1906.

TEIGNMOUTH, July 2.—For supply of 3,400 tons of best Durham or other good gas coal, screened or unscreened, for the Gas Committee. Same to be supplied to the requirements of the Council between July 31, 1906, and June 30, 1907. No special tender form will be issued. Tenders must be accompanied by a full description and practical working analysis of the coal quoted, and may be f.o.b., c.i.f. Teignmouth Harbour or f.o.r. Teignmouth railway station. Mr. J. Alex. Gray, gas manager, Gasworks, Teignmouth.

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Tenders should be delivered in sealed package, addressed to the undersigned, on or before Thursday, the 12th day of July, 1906, endorsed "Tender for Water Tank."

The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Signed) R. W. EDWARDS,
Secretary and General Manager.

Chief Offices,
Victoria-road, Aldershot,
June 14, 1906.

WINDSOR, June 30.—For supplying the workhouse with coal (Talk-o'-th'-Hill house and Nuneaton hard locomotive steam coal) until June 24, 1907, also coke at per ton for same period, for the Guardians. The quantities required during the year will be about the following:—300 tons house coal, 200 tons steam coal, 250 tons coke. The coal is to be delivered continuously when ordered in lots of 30 tons. Forms can only be obtained at the office of Mr. Philip Lovegrove, clerk, 3, Park-street, Windsor.

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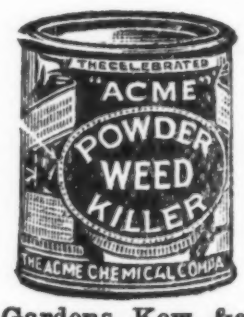

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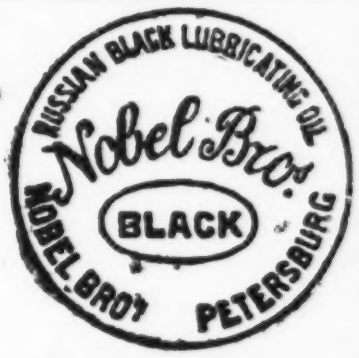

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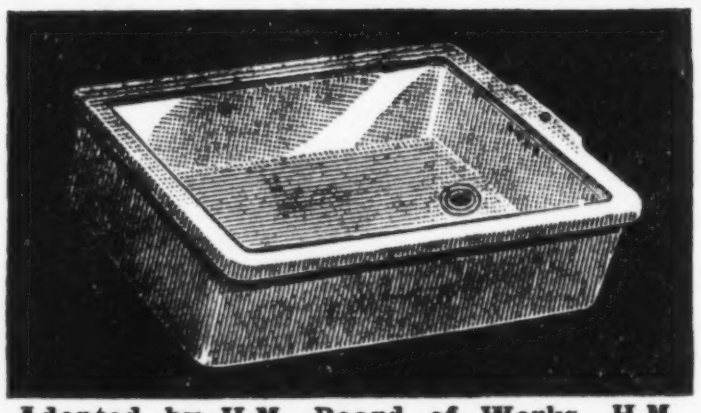
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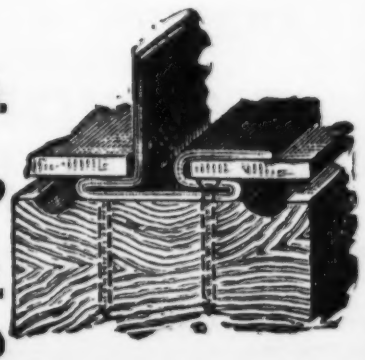

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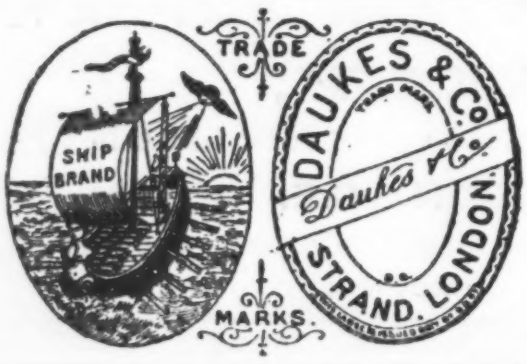

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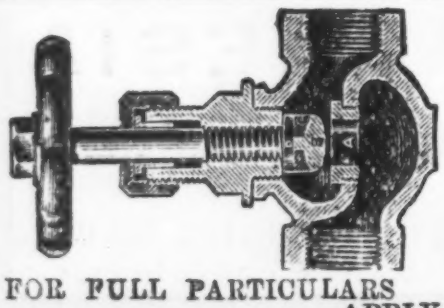

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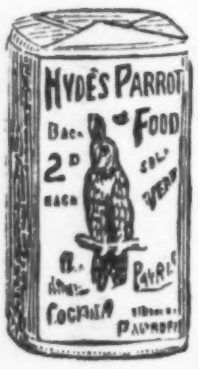

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